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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS ON ITS IN-SESSIONAL MEETING HELD DURING THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, 4-29 MAY 1992

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Addendum

CHAPTER V. COUNTRY AND INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

A. Africa (continued)

Intercountry programme for Africa

1. The Officer-in-Charge of the Regional Bureau for Africa introduced the fourth intercountry programme for Africa, which has a net indicative planning figure (IPF) of $141.6 million and estimated cost-sharing of $27 million.

2. These resources will be oriented towards the following areas of concentration: (a) regional cooperation and integration; (b) long-term strategic planning; (c) fostering an enabling environment for human development.

3. Two delegations commented on this programme. Although endorsing the broad goals, both of them considered that the ICP could benefit from more focus during the implementation phase. In particular it was recommended that

UNDP should concentrate on selected topics in the above areas, where UNDP had a comparative advantage, for instance agriculture, strategic planning and HIV/AIDS.

4. It was also suggested that strong links be established between the regional programme and the corresponding national and interregional/global programmes, particularly in areas relating to human development, where inter-agency coordination could be promoted at the field level, and where UNDP could play a catalytic role in strengthening capacity-building.

5. The Standing Committee recommended that the Governing Council approve the fourth intercountry programme for Africa.